



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Tender Offer--Regulation 14D and Regulation 14E, Schedule 14D-9

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Regulation 14D (17 CFR 240.14d-1 – 240.14d-11) and Regulation 14E (17 CFR 240.14e-1 – 240.14e-8) and related Schedule 14D-9 (17 CFR 240.14d-101) require information important to security holders in deciding how to respond to tender offers. Schedule 14D-9 takes approximately 260.56 hours per response to prepare and is filed by approximately 63 companies annually. We estimate that 25% of the 260.56 hours per response (65.14 hours) is prepared by the company for an annual reporting burden of 4,104 hours (65.14 hours per response x 63 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of

the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct your written comment to David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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